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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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Washington, DC 20231

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES SPECIFIC FOR MYCOBACTERIA AND DEVELOPMENT OF
DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS STRATEGIES FOR MYCOBACTERIAL SPECIES**

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
46 pages of specification and claims (including 25 numbered claims), and
40 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application Nos. , filed , respectively, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
The prior application is assigned to .
It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☒ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: Statement w/paper and computer copies of Sequence Listing

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☐ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

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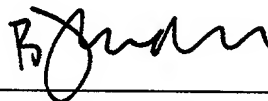
STATEMENT

The attached paper and computer-readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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